

Kindergarten  
Mrs. Carson's  
Classroom Connection  
September 26, 2014

### RAZ-KIDS

The RAZ-KIDS login information is for your reference & use at home (the little green paper that was clipped into your child's blue folder). Each child has a unique password assigned by me. I've stressed the importance of keeping passwords private & the student login is important to track his/her progress.

There was a glitch with my RAZ\_KIDS account this fall & there have been a few setbacks in terms of getting the site up and running. I had to remove & reset each child's account this afternoon. Please note that your child's "symbol" may have changed. This is not significant. I was able to reset all of their passwords as I originally set them up.

Sorry for any confusion this might have caused. All of the accounts should be "active" and ready for your child to login & get started. Please let me know if you have any questions.

## FUN RUN

Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> is our Doherty Fun Run!!!

This is our major school fundraiser for the year. We appreciate the support of our community & families as we run together & raise funds for our school. Please consider making a donation to our Doherty PTO. The PTO supports our classrooms in a variety of ways. We receive the Scholastic News Subscription, RAZ-KIDS, supplemental materials, reading materials, and many other special projects are funded through our amazing PTO.

We will begin our Fun Run at 9:15 with photos and warm up on the back soccer field. If you follow the path from the basketball court, behind the swings, and into the subdivision ... you will find our soccer field! The students will run for 8 minutes & collect a rubber band for each lap around the course. There will be a DJ providing music & lots of excitement as the children run with their classmates. Four classes will run together. Families will be cheering & running along with their children. This is a great community building event! Please join us if you are able to make it!

## SCIENCE

We read a BIG BOOK called "An Apple a Day" and reviewed the four seasons. The book took us on an adventure to an apple orchard & reviewed the life cycle of the apple tree.

After reading the book, we made a paper plate project with 4 trees to represent each season: winter, spring, summer & fall. Ask your child to explain his/her trees to you. ☺

This would be a beautiful weekend to visit a local apple orchard or cider mill. ☺



I'm working on a volunteer schedule ☺ I plan to contact all interested volunteers this week to set up/confirm times.

The October Homework Calendar & packet will be sent home this week.

Happy Fall ☺ Enjoy the warm, wonderful fall weekend!

This week we practiced & reviewed the  
alphabet letters: Ii, Jj, Kk  
We are using the terminology:  
Upper Case & Lower Case

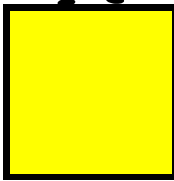
### Blankets & Snacks

Towels will be sent home every Friday to be washed & return on Monday.

Please remember to send a healthy snack each day for our afternoon snack break.



**MATH**



We are looking closely at shapes to discover the lines and corners and correctly name the following two-dimensional shapes:

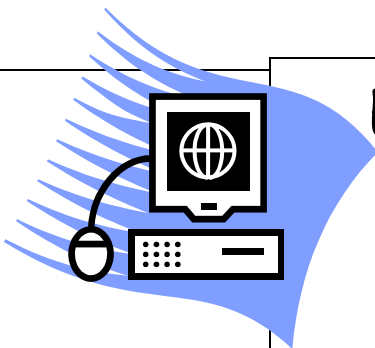
**triangle, square, rectangle, hexagon, rhombus, and circle**

In the classroom we are using pattern blocks & attribute blocks to sort & classify shapes into categories. We are looking for common properties & learning to use our "math words" (mathematical language) to speak about & classify shapes.

Look around your house for examples of squares and rectangles. How are they alike? How are they different?

We are looking for rectangles that have "2 long sides" and "2 short sides". Squares must have all 4 sides the same length.

What shapes do you see around the house or out and about?



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West Bloomfield Schools site: <http://www.wbsd.org>

Check out our class website ☺

More information & updates will be added soon.

Our Class website: <http://carsonkinder.weebly.com>

## Picture Day

October 2<sup>nd</sup> is picture day at Doherty. All students will have their photograph taken for the school yearbook. If you plan to purchase a picture package, please return the payment & order information OR place your order online.

## Scholastic Book Orders

If you choose to place an order for the Scholastic Reading Club, please return the order & payment by Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you're placing an order online, please do so by 9:00 p.m. on Monday night. Ordering information was included on the green sheet attached to the book order form.

Thank you! ☺



## READING

The little paper books that come home are great for your child to practice pointing & matching to the text.

Making a one-to-one match with text is important. Your child will begin to notice that each word on the page is followed by "space". There is "space" between words.

Have your child point & match as you read together. If your child is having difficulty have him/her hold on to your finger as you point & match. Or... hold his/her pointed finger & help move the hand along as you match your reading voice with the text.